

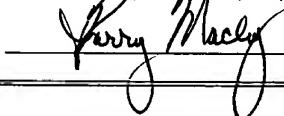


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In re Application of:

Schaller, et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,322

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Title: BRIDGE-CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR
APPARATUS AND METHODS

Examiner: K. Odland

Group Art Unit: 3743

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction dated November 28, 2003 and a Preliminary Amendment. A four month extension request is being filed herewith to extend the period for response to the Restriction from December 28, 2003 to April 28, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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